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SUBJ: B&B FISHERIES: TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH EPNA

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1. LOCAL PRESS AUG. 9-11 CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ALL FINANCIAL CLAIMS AGAINST B&B FISHERIES SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO EPNA (EMPRESA PESQUERA NACIONAL). ANNOUNCEMENT CARRIED NAMES OF SUB-SECRETARY FOR FISHERIES, RODRIGO RIVADENEIRA, AND EPNA MANAGER, VICENTE TAMARIZ, AND STATED THAT B&B FISHERIES WAS TERMINATING ACTIVITIES IN ECUADOR.

2. CONGEN DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH MIGUEL SEMINARIO, B&B LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, ON AUG. 13. (TAMARIZ NOT IN GUAYAQUIL AT THIS TIME.) SEMINARIO SAID THAT BIX BONNEY AND ROBERT ELY HAD DECIDED FORFEIT \$20,000 LETTER OF CREDIT ON DEPOSIT WITH GUAYAQUIL BRANCH BANK OF AMERICA. SEMINARIO AND LOCAL LAWYER, ALFONSO TRUJILLO, HAD URGED BONNEY AND ELY TO MAKE COURT BATTLE TO RETRIEVE AT LEAST PART OF DEPOSIT. B&B FISHERIES, HOWEVER, PREFERRED REGARD \$20,000 AS PENALTY FOR NON-FULFILLMENT OF CONTRACT BECAUSE OF DESIRE TO TERMINATE INVOLVEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THAT PORTION OF \$20,000 NOT USED FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST B&B WILL REVERT TO EPNA.

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3. TWO B&B BOATS, THE "MIMI B" AND THE "PATRICIA B", ARE STILL IN MANTA. ORDER FROM MINNATURAL RESOURCES PROHIBITS THEIR DEPARTURE UNTIL ALL CALIMS AGAINST B& B HAVE BEEN PAID. SEMINARIO BELIEVES DEPARTURE PERMIT WILL BE GIVEN PRIOR AUG. 19.

4. SEMINARIO STATES THAT "MIMI B" WILL RETURN TO U.S. WHEN PERMISSION GRANTED. HE STATED THAT "PATRICIA B" IS OWNED BY AGUST GUDJONSSON, U.S. CITIZEN, RESIDENT OF RENTO, WASHINGTON. SEMINARIO WILL TRAVEL TO QUITO NEXT WEEK WITH MANAGER OF ECUATUN, OSWALDO TRUJILLO (BROTHER OF ALFONSO) IN ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WHEREBY "PATRICIA B" WILL BECOME PART OF ECUATUN FLEET (PARA 4, REFTEL).
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